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SUBJECT: ANOTHER EGYPTIAN WRITES ABOUT LIBYA

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1. AL- MUSAWWAR EDITION WHICH APPEARED ON CAIRO STANDS
JUNE 21 CONTAINS ARTICLE BY SALAH GAWDAT ON LIBYAN
CULTURAL REVOLUTION. THRUST OF ARTICLE IS THAT, WHILE
QADHAAFI WANTS TO TURN LIBYA INTO ARAB UTOPIA BASED ON
ISLAM AND " THIRD THEORY , " ESSETIAL DIFFERENCES EXIST
BETWEEN LIBYA AND EGYPT WHICH MAKE CULTURAL REVOLUTION
UNFIT FOR EGYPTIAN CONSUMPTION. GAWDAT QUOTES SADAT AS
HAVING SAID " WE HAVE TO WAIT FOR SOME TIME UNTIL THE
REVOLUTION YIELDS FRUIT FIRST IN LIBYA AND RADIATES
ILLUMINATION FOR WHOEVER WISHES TO FOLLOW SUIT."

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REGARDING ISLAM AS THE BASIS FOR ALL LAW, THE INTERESTS OF EGYPT'S COPTIC COMMUNITY CANNOT BE DISREGARDED. MOREOVER, LIBYA IS A WEALTHY COUNTRY WHICH NEED PAY NO HEED TO TOURISM, BUT EGYPT CANNOT TAKE DECISIONS WHICH IMPAIR TOURIST TRADE.

2. GAWDAT IS ONE OF MUSAWWAR'S MAJOR WRITERS AND, EFFECTIVELY, IN CHARGE OF DAY- TO- DAY OPERATIONS OF THE MAGAZINE AS CHIEF EDITOR FIKRI ABASA CONTINUES TO AGE. HE IS ALSO A DISTANT RELATIVE OF SASAT BY MARRIAGE, AND A PROTEGE OF MINISTER OF CULTURE SEBA' I. IN AFTERMATH OF DISMISSALS OF EGYPTIAN JOURNALISTS IN MARCH, GAWDAT DISTINGUISHED HIMSELF BY BEING FIRST WRITER TO ADOPT GOE POSITION AND CRITICIZE DISMISSED JOURNALISTS AS BEING " WORSE THAN COMMUNISTS." IN OUR VIEW, GAWDAT HAS EXCELLENT CREDENTIALS AS CHANNEL OF COMMUNICATION FOR GOE AND HE MAY HAVE BEEN CHOSEN BY GOE TO CONVEY UNOFFICIALLY TO LARG ALARM SIGNALS ON EGYPTIAN VIEWS OF LIBYAN POLICIES.

3. WHILE SABRI (CAIRO 1823) AND GAWDAT MAY BE THE HERALDS OF A LARGER GOE PRESS CAMPAIGN CRITICIZING QADHAAFI'S POLICIES, WE DO NOT SEE THIS AS CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE THAT A DECLARATION OF UNITY WILL NOT OCCUR. IT COULD INDICATE THAT THE EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT IS SUFFICIENTLY CONVINCED THAT UNITY (WHATEVER ITS SUBSTANCE) WILL BE DECLARED ON SCHEDULE TO PREPARE FOR IT BY TRYING TO CUDGEL QADHAAFI INTO MODERATION BEFOREHAND. IN FACT, PACE OF MERGER ACTIVITIES SEEMS TO HAVE INCREASED. ON JUNE 20, SADAT MET WITH CABINET FOR SIX- HOUR DISCUSSION WHICH WAS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO UNITY WITH LIBYA. ON SAME DAY, ASA FIRST SECRETARY GHANEM AND AHRAF MARWAN DEPARTED FOR TRIPOLI FOR MEETING OF MERGER SUPERVISORY COMMITTEE, AND TO SEE QADHAAFI. WITH ONLY A LITTLE MORE THAN TWO MONTHS TO GO BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, GOE SEEMS FINALLY TO HAVE COME AROUND TO TAKING A HARD LOOK AT WHERE UNITY MOVEMENT IS TAKING THEIR COUNTRY.

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